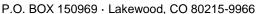
COLORADO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 26, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Hot and dry weather pushed winter wheat harvest to completion in several areas across the state last week, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Statewide, winter wheat harvest was 97 percent complete, compared to 76 percent last year and 88 percent on average. In northeastern counties, winter wheat harvest continued and wrapped up in several areas. Isolated precipitation was received in some localities while others remained dry. County reports mentioned irrigated crops were progressing quickly but concern was noted regarding continued irrigation water supplies through the end of the season. Non-irrigated crop and pasture conditions continued to decline where no moisture was received. County reports indicated non-irrigated spring crops were near the point of failure unless good moisture is received. Livestock producers continued to assess current conditions and seek alternate grazing arrangements due to limited native pasture growth and dormancy from drought. In east central counties, hot and extremely dry weather persisted throughout most of the district. Isolated thunderstorms in eastern Yuma county July 23 and July 24 brought extremely heavy precipitation and flash flooding to areas. Conditions in areas without needed precipitation continued to steadily decline. According to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor report, extreme drought conditions continued to march north in the district. Southwestern counties saw the benefit from recent precipitation as conditions improved for nonirrigated crops, specifically dry beans. In the San Luis Valley, precipitation was received last week and delayed the second cutting of alfalfa. County reports noted upwards of 2 inches of rain was received over the last week. Isolated flooding was also reported. Barley was notably maturing quickly and harvest was imminent. In southeastern counties, isolated precipitation was also received. Recent rain greatly improved native pasture conditions and better growth was noted. Statewide, stored feed supplies were rated 5 percent very short, 20 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 64 percent average and 36 percent light. Cattle death loss was 89 percent average and 11 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay	- ·	-		
2 nd cutting harvested	62	45	53	61
3 rd cutting harvested	4	1	1	3
Barley				
Turning color	87	26	57	60
Corn				
Silked	70	35	44	47
Doughed	6	3	1	1
Dry edible beans				
Blooming	41	24	38	51
Sorghum				
Emerged	99	94	NA	NA
Headed	21	2	13	20
Winter wheat				
Harvested	97	92	76	88

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.5	6.6	6.3	5.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	27	34	5	5
Short	40	37	18	23
Adequate	32	29	74	68
Surplus	1		3	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	31	32	3	5
Short	39	42	17	21
Adequate	29	26	76	71
Surplus	1		4	3

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	6	6	3	2
Poor	11	9	4	7
Fair	17	25	7	21
Good	56	53	67	56
Excellent	10	7	19	14
Barley			2	
Very poor	 1		2	
Poor	10	1 22	5	10
Fair	18	22	17	19
Good	60	51	51	54
Excellent	21	26	25	26
Corn	11	9		2
Very poor	17	14	1	4
Poor	31	36	19	20
Fair	34			-
Good	34 7	36	70 10	62 12
Excellent	1	3	10	12
Dry edible beans	4	17		2
Very poor	4 20	17 20	2	2 8
Poor	32	33	19	22
Fair	43	29	74	59
Excellent	1	1	5	9
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Very poor	3	2		1
Poor	5	5		2
Fair	23	30	11	15
Good	64	59	85	67
Excellent	5	4	4	15
Pasture and range	3		7	13
Very poor	15	24	1	6
Poor	25	24	Δ	11
Fair	35	32	21	25
Good	24	20	64	49
Excellent	1		10	9
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley	1		10	
Very poor	1			
Poor	3		Δ	3
Fair	11	7	34	19
Good	58	65	44	55
Excellent	27	28	18	23
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley	27	20	10	25
Very poor	2	2		
Poor	6	4	1	1
Fair	23	20	17	9
Good	57	54	68	74
Excellent	12	20	14	16
Sorghum				
Very poor	8	8	1	4
Poor	20	21	1	5
Fair	45	48	24	27
Good	21	19	69	60
Excellent	6	4	5	4
Sugarbeets	~	· ·		
Very poor	3	3		
Poor	8	13		3
Fair	25	27	14	14
Good	54	47	78	66
Excellent	10	10	8	17
Sunflowers				
Very poor	4	4		
Poor	24	12		1
Fair	56	57	20	24
Good	15	25	76	66
Excellent	1	2	4	9
Livestock				
Very poor	2	2		
Poor	7	8	2	2
Fair	23	22	11	12
Good	58	59	72	74
Excellent	10	9	15	12
NA – not available				

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